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Authors' Dream Children.

Most authors have an affection for certain children of their imagination. Dickens confessed to a special fondness for David Copperfield, largely perhaps on account of the element of autobiography in the book. Similarly, it is no secret that "Mowgli," the Wolf Boy of the "Jungle Books," is Rudyard Kipling's favorite among his fictional creations.

Though Sherlock Holmes is easily first in public estimation among all the characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, first place in his own esteem is occupied by Rodney Stone. A very good second is Sir Nigel.

Thomas Hardy prefers to consider himself a poet rather than a novelist, but if he were to stand or fall by a novel he would choose "Tess," whilst H. G. Wells would probably choose "Treasure Island," and Allan Quater-

main is an easy first in Sir H. Rider Haggard's esteem.

W. W. Jacobs sets his affections on that preacher, finished diplomatist, and sly humorist, Bob Pretty, whilst, with all his later and perhaps more solid successes, Jerome K. Jerome looks back with a wistful fondness to "Three Men in a Boat," the books which not only made his name but made the world laugh.

Not even Wendy can oust Babbie from first place in Sir James Barrie's heart, but it is probably his love for his old school, Harrow, which causes Horace Annesley Vachell to love "The Hill" better than any other member of his literary family. It is often difficult to account for these literary preferences. Mark Twain, for instance, regarded that little scallywag, Huckleberry Finn, with an affection and devotion worthy of a better cause, and it is possible that, next to Copperfield, "The Artful Dodger" appealed most to Dickens.

The longer I live the more I am convinced that the greatest of all necessities for human happiness is to talk things out.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

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Interludes.

Whether it is the fine art of managing a household or the executive control of an industrial concern, every human being, however aided by impersonal mechanism, needs an interlude now and then.

In the wilds of South America there are natives, apparently with limitless time before them and endless room about them, squatting in the sun and weaving grasses to make hats. The roving eyes of tourists fall upon these simple, tranquil folk, and the rank outsiders are moved to declare it a peaceful, pastoral scene and to wish that Northern industry might divest itself of the roar and bustle of the factories in favor of such an idyllic existence. Yet these laborers are taxing sight and straining nerves to make the web of almost microscopic strands for the finest quality of their product, and they are exhausted after a brief period of effort for miserable pay.

We look to the north and we think of the Eskimo as enviably lawless and healthy. They are supposed to be care-free in the kayak and igloo, with plenty of fish in the sea and abundant game along shore. We imagine the life divested of complications and pity ourselves for the coil of civilized preoccupations, wherein we are enmeshed. But the fact is, that life for the Greenlanders is a terribly anxious business and is prematurely shortened by the endless battle for existence against the elemental forces.

There is no land of perpetual ease for a loafer. The rule is that human beings must work for a living, and the interlude of rest is sweetened by the toil that went before it and earned it. Moreover, in that time of respite there are few who are content to do nothing at all; the inaction would make most real men miserable. What they want is a change of occupation. They are kept young and eager by exercise upon the hobby to which they turn.

In each day, as in the year at large, there should be interludes. We should interrupt and alternate the strenuous hours with moments of aspiration and reflection. If, as the homely saying has it, the nose is kept to the grindstone all the time, the whole being pays for it with a lost edge, a ruined temper. The conquest of the world is not sufficient recompense for the loss of one's own soul; the business day, crowded and valuable as it is, cannot afford to leave human nature out of its reckonings and banish the sun from its overhead as a superfluous charge.

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And you purchase a secondhand car.

Then the first pleasant day you start out so gay
For a time you go straight as a bolt—
Ah! but right in the middle of some sloppy puddle
You stop with a jar and a folt!
You may step on the juice, but it's not any use,
So your pillars and wrenches you take;
If it isn't the tires why then it's the wires,
If it isn't the wires, it's the brake.
There you tinker and fuss and you cuss the old bus,
And you hope a garage isn't far—
If you want all your trouble to certainly double
Just purchase a secondhand car!
C. Ballard.

Too Much Silence.

Along the Irish coast are lighthouses which fire a signal gun at three-minute intervals during foggy weather. To a visitor the noise is irritating and unbearable, making sleep an impossibility; but to the seasoned lighthouse-keeper not only does the monotonous boom pass unnoted, but a break in its regularity reacts as a disturbance.

One old Irishman of long service slept soundly and peacefully during a winter night while his wife fired the roaring three-minute signals—that is, he rested comfortably until by some shortening one of the charges failed to explode.

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Only Struck at Lightning-Speed. Visitor (looking over grounds)—"My what a pity that fine tree on the drive has been pushed over! Struck by lightning, is it?"

Host—"No—only struck by my car at 2 p.m. Sunday morning, my friend."

Relative Heating Values of Various Types of Fuels.

The Dominion Fuel Board and the Fuel Testing Division of the Mines Branch, Department of Mines, are making a series of tests upon various types of fuels with a view to determining their relative values when burned in standard types of hot water house-heating furnaces as used in Ontario and Quebec.

These tests, which are still in progress, are being made upon the various types of anthracite, American, Welsh and Scotch; various types of coke, gas coke and metallurgical coke, coke made in by-product coke ovens, some high grade, low volatile bituminous or semi-bituminous coals, and a representative series of Alberta coals.

The results of tests to date have shown that the British anthracites, the coals and certain of the high grade low volatile bituminous coals, appear to have a higher heating value than the average American anthracite sold at Ottawa, that is, it requires a smaller quantity of these fuels than it does of American anthracite to deliver a unit quantity of heat. It requires from one ton to three-quarters of a ton of these coals to deliver the same quantity of heat as one ton of the average American anthracite sold in Ottawa.

On the other hand, practically all of the Alberta coals tested, with the exception above noted, deliver a smaller quantity of heat per unit weight of coal, or, in other words, a larger quantity of these fuels than of American anthracite is required to deliver a unit quantity of heat.

It requires from 1 1/2 tons to as high as 1 3/4 tons of these coals to deliver the same quantity of heat as one ton of average American anthracite delivered at Ottawa.

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With The BOY SCOUTS

The Field Secretary for Ontario has recently concluded an interesting tour taking in most of the places of importance from North Bay to Sault Ste. Marie. He speaks very enthusiastically of the splendid advances Scouting is making there and the following brief remarks indicate that he has good reasons for his optimism.

It should be here noted that the work in this District is under the supervision of District Commissioner G. R. de P. Vantom. He has been very largely responsible for the forward move, and is admirably supported by various leaders, to whom credit is also due.

The Troop at Sturgeon Falls has its own club rooms. These have been fitted and completed by the boys entirely. It has involved weeks and hours of hard work, but is now one of the finest in existence. It is to be officially dedicated and opened for Scout operations on May 22nd.

At Conston a fine group of Cubs and Scouts gathered for a meeting. Unfortunately the Scoutmaster, Rev. J. D. New, was too ill to be present, and it is doubtful if he can continue his leadership for this reason. The Nickelites will see to it that the work does not suffer.

The new Troop in Sudbury, in the care of Scoutmaster Fred Cressey, is making astounding progress. Both Troops are well officered and making things hum.

Espanola once again demonstrated itself as a real live centre of Scouting activities. An afternoon was spent outdoors in Scout games, while other groups 1,000 yards apart did good work in Morse signalling. The Cubs, intent on not being left out, arranged an evening meeting indoors. One has yet to meet a more lively Pack with their two eyes very much open.

A splendid meeting was called in Creighton Mine, embracing boys and adults who, under the chairmanship of the mine superintendent, listened intently to an explanation of Scouting. It was an audience that very badly needed to know that the only fighting we teach the boys is that which has to do with their own evil desires and impulses. Good seed was sown, and the young Troop will undoubtedly make fine headway under the direction of Scoutmaster Pascoe.

Space will not permit references to each place visited, but even at risk of transgressing we must mention the Soo and North Bay. At the Soo Scoutmasters Wagner and Noble have done wonders. As a result of their work Scouting has now a great opportunity to develop, and there are sounds in the air of important events in the making.

The final gathering in connection with the tour was at North Bay, when the respective Troops, with Cubs, met together. "Anyone can imagine the electrical disturbance likely to be created when 120 boys, join in fun, games, and instruction. It was great. And the "disturbance" only terminated after singing the National Anthem as only Scouts and Cubs can, the first three lines as a prayer with the remaining lines in a more vigorous way.

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